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**VITAL STATISTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VSAC)
VITAL RECORDS PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VRPAC)
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, September 9, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
1616 Capitol Avenue, Sixth Floor
Tuolumne Room 74.653

AGENDA

- A. Welcome
- B. Introductions and Announcements
- C. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting
- D. State Registrar's Response to VSAC Recommendations—Attachment 1
- E. Discussion Items - New Business – Attachment 2
- F. Recap of Data Requests Approved in the Health Information and Research Section—Attachment 3
- G. Public Comment
- H. Additional Discussion Topics
- I. Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 1— STATE REGISTRAR TO VSAC RECOMMENDATIONS

The following projects were reviewed by the Health Information and Research Section and require VSAC review and recommendation:

1. Project Title: California Occupational Safety and Health Surveillance (U60OH008468-10)
Principal Investigator: Jennifer Flattery, CDPH - Occupational Health Branch
Project Type: Continuing Project
Data Requested: 2014 Non-Public PDD, 2014 Non-Public EDD, 2014 Non-Public AS
VSAC Recommendation: Approved subject to clarification by the applicant as to how they were going to link the data and how the linkage would be executed.
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
2. Project Title: Longitudinal Study of Hospital Outcomes for California Children
Principal Investigator: Geraldine Oliva, MD, Linda Remy, PhD, Co-PI, UC San Francisco
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol
Data Requested: 2013 Birth Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, and Address), 2013 Death Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, Address, MMN and SSN)
VSAC Recommendation: Approved with stipulation that any analytical results of data not be published unless it complies with CPHS small cell size recommendation pending further consideration by the Committee.
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
3. Project Title: Infant Social and Emotional Development
Principal Investigator: Eric Walle, PhD, University of California, Merced
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol
Data Requested: Birth Records from 8/1/2014-12/31/14 (Name, Certificate Number and Address), Infant Death Records from 8/1/2014-12/31/14 (Name, Certificate Number, and Address)
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

4. Project Title: Probabilistic Inference and Categorization Development in Infants
Principal Investigator: Fei Xu, PhD, University of California, Berkeley
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol
Data Requested: Preliminary Birth Records from 1/1/15 – 12/31/15 (Name & Address), Infant Death Records from 1/1/15 – 12/31/15 (Name, Address, Mother's Maiden Name)
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
5. Project Title: The California Maternal Data Center: Establishing a Statewide Data Center for Use in Rapid-Cycle Maternity Care Improvement
Principal Investigator: Jeffrey Gould, MD, Elliott Main, MD, Stanford University
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol
Data Requested: 2015-2016 Birth Statistical Master Files (monthly data runs)
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
6. Project Title: Study of Expanded Population of Radiation Workers in Shipyards
Principal Investigator: Genevieve Matanoski, MD, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 1970-2011 Death Statistical Master Files (Name, Certificate Number, Address, SSN, MMN), 1960-1969 Merged Death Files (Name and Certificate Number), 1970-2010 Multiple Cause of Death (Certificate Number)
VSAC Recommendation: Recommend not to release the data as described in the application and request that the applicant submit additional details on the database and how the data will be shared in that database.
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
7. Project Title: Los Angeles Mommy and Baby (LAMB) Project
Principal Investigator: Shin Margaret Chao, PhD, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, MCAH
Project Type: Continuing Project
Data Requested: 2014 Birth Records from LA County Department of Public Health
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

8. Project Title: Los Angeles Health Overview of a Pregnancy Event (LAHOPE)
Principal Investigator: Shin Margaret Chao, PhD, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, MCAH
Project Type: Continuing Project
Data Requested: 2014 Birth Records and 2014 Death Records from LA County Department of Public Health
VSAC Recommendation: Approved. The applicant will need to sign the Information Practices and Security Release document prior to the release of data.
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
9. Project Title: Callbacks and Names
Principal Investigator: Melissa Tartari, University of Chicago
Project Type: Continuing Project
Data Requested: 1986 Birth Statistical Master File (Name)
VSAC Recommendation: Because the Committee has reservations regarding this project, they wanted to pend this for the next meeting for further discussion and review.
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
10. Project Title: California Parkinson's Disease Registry Pilot Project Research: Use of Medicare Data to Assess Registry Data Collection Efficiency
Principal Investigator: Caroline Tanner, PhD, UC San Francisco
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2009-2013 Death Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, Address, and SSN), 2006-2012 Multiple Cause of Death (Certificate Number)
VSAC Recommendation: Approved
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

ATTACHMENT 2 - DISCUSSION ITEMS - NEW BUSINESS

The following projects were reviewed by the Health Information and Research Section and require VSAC review and recommendation:

1. Project Title: Improving the Reporting of Race, Ethnicity, and Language in California
Principal Investigator: David Zingmond, MD, University of California, Los Angeles
Project Type: Continuing Project
Data Requested: 2012 PDD Linked Birth File, 2010-2012 PDD Linked Death File
2. Project Title: Early Liver Transplantation for Acute Alcoholic Hepatitis
Principal Investigator: Eitan Neidich, MD Candidate, University of California, San Francisco
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2008-2011 PDD Linked Death Files
3. Project Title: Callbacks and Names
Principal Investigator: Melissa Tartari, University of Chicago
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 1986 Birth Statistical Master File (Name)
This project was reviewed during the August 12, 2015 meeting. As there were concerns with this project, the Committee recommended to have this project discussed at the September VSAC meeting.
4. Project Title: Using CalEnviroScreen to Evaluate the Relationship Between Perchlorate and Thyroid Function in California Newborns
Principal Investigator: Martin Kharrazi, PhD, CDPH-Environmental Health Investigations Branch
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: Requesting to use data they previously obtained: 2000-2003 Birth Statistical Master Files (Certificate Number and Address), 2009-2011 Birth Statistical Master Files (Certificate Number and Address), 2009-2011 Fetal Death Statistical Master Files (Certificate Number), 2009-2011 Death Statistical Master Files (Certificate Number and Address)
5. Project Title: Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD)
Principal Investigator: Steven Jacobsen, MD, Kaiser Permanente
Project Type: Continuing Project with No Changes to the Protocol
Data Requested: 2012 Fetal Death Statistical Master File (Name and Certificate Number)

6. Project Title: Cost Containment in WIC: Lessons from the California WIC Vendor Market
Principal Investigator: Maya Rossin-Slater, PhD, University of California, Santa Barbara
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2010-2013 Birth Statistical Master Files (No Personal Identifiers)
7. Project Title: Cancer Genetics Research Information System (CGRIS)
Principal Investigator: Hoda Anton-Culver, PhD, University of California, Irvine
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol
Data Requested: 2012-2013 Death Statistical Master Files (Name, Certificate Number, SSN). PI is requesting to use files previously obtained.
8. Project Title: Social Patterns in Naming Practices in the United States, 1990-2006
Principal Investigator: Phech Colatat, PhD, Washington University in St. Louis
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 1990-2006 Birth Statistical Master File (Name and Address)
9. Project Title: Cancer Mortality by Asian and Hispanic Subgroup in California
Principal Investigator: Paulo Pinheiro, PhD, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Project Type: New Project
Data Requested: 2008-2012 Death Statistical Master File (No Personal Identifiers)

**AGENDA ATTACHMENT 3—
RECAP OF DATA REQUESTS APPROVED IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION AND
RESEARCH SECTION**

Birth Data Requests

1. University of California, Berkeley – 2012 Birth Cohort
2. Gostin Research Associates – 2010-2013 Birth Index Files (Public Use)

Death Data Requests

1. University of California, Berkeley – 2012 Death
2. Gostin Research Associates – 2010-2013 Death Index Files (Public Use)
3. University of California, San Francisco – 1989-2013 Death
4. California Correctional Health Care Services – 2009-2012 Death